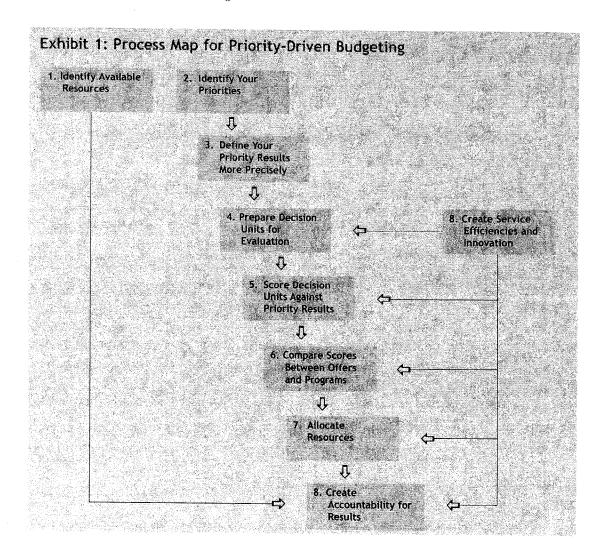


There are eight major steps in a priority driven budget process. Exhibit 1 provides a map for how the eight steps fit together, and the steps are more fully described in the following pages. As the exhibit shows, the eight steps are not completely linear. Steps 1 and 2 can begin at the same time, and Step 8 comes into play at many different points of the process.

1. Identify Available Resources

Before embarking on priority-driven resource allocation, the organization must undergo a fundamental shift in its approach to budgeting. This shift, while subtle, requires that instead of first having the organization identify the amount of resources "needed" for the next fiscal year, it should first clearly identify the amount of resources that are "available" to fund operations as well as one-time initiatives and capital expenditures.

As their first step in budget development, many organizations expend a great deal of effort in completing the analysis of estimated expenditures to identify how much each organizational unit will need to spend for operations and capital



Priorities of Government (POG) Overview

ESTABLISH STATEWIDE RESULTS

When Washington started its POG approach to budgeting, a team of state government and citizen executives came to consensus on a list of expected statewide results. The POG process is essentially a framework to help choose what state services best achieve these results.

IDENTIFY KEY INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

The second step in creating the decision framework is to consider how citizens would measure success in reaching the statewide result. For example, longer life expectancy or lower incidence of disease would probably indicate to most people that the population was healthier. Similarly, high employment rates usually signal that the economy is doing well.

IDENTIFY PROVEN OR PROMISING STRATEGIES

Research and experience suggest that certain strategies are more likely to put us on the path toward achieving the identified success indicators. (At this stage, it is also important to evaluate whether currently budgeted strategies and activities accomplish what was intended.)

DEVELOP A RESULTS-BASED PRIORITIZATION OF ACTIVITIES

The result-indicators-strategies framework for each statewide result provides the criteria for choosing the activities that most directly accomplish the desired outcome. With limited resources, it is necessary to invest in activities that connect to chosen strategies.

USE THIS PRIORITIZATION TO INFORM FINAL BUDGET DECISIONS

Final budget decisions are influenced by state laws, funding sources, federal requirements and other factors that are difficult to change. However, the POG approach creates a unique perspective that allows decision-makers to consider evidence-based strategies and activity performance geared only toward results.

Statewide Results List

- Student Achievement
- Health and Support
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Natural Resources and Cultural/Recreational Opportunities
- Government Efficiency



Role of Activities and Performance Measures

The budget is displayed as an "activity inventory". This is a catalog of 1200+ discrete state activities, with descriptions of the service, how much it costs, who receives services, and expected outcomes.

Performance measures help assess program effectiveness.



Key Benefits of POG

- Focuses budget decisions on contribution to overall results.
- Makes performance data more relevant to budget investment choices.
- Displays where the state invests its resources.



ATTACHMENT C

Public Safety DASHBOARD

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Measure	Target	Actual	Status	Agency	Notes
1.1 - Staff Safety	1.0 Per 100 Offenders	1.05 per 100 Offenders	Δ	DOC	The average rate of violent infractions is 0.99 per 100 for FY 2012 through Quarter 3; however for the most recent quarter, the rate was 1.05. DOC continues to implement changes in policy and operations related to ESB 5907.
1.2 - Health Care Cost and Utilization Management	4%	-7%		DOC	The average medical cost per offender per year for FY 2011 was \$5,933. This is significantly lower than the peak of \$7,711 in FY 2008 and down from \$6,412 in FY2010.
1.3 - Participation in Evidence- Based Programs	11 of 11 Programs On Track	11 of 11	•	DOC	All 11 programs are on track to meet FY12 targets. Beginning FY 2013, DOC will report the number of offenders identified with an assessed need and the number who received programming based on the need and available resources.
1.4 - Community Intake Process	90%	92%	•	DOC	For FY12 Q3, Community Corrections staff exceeded the target of 90% by completing timely intakes at the rate of 92%. The latest data is through March, 2012.
1.5 - Violation Hearings in the Community	75%	74%	Δ .	DOC	DOC's overall on-time percentage of warrant and detainer hearings for FY12 Q3 was 74%; however, 67% of hearings were conducted within 12 days of confinement as a result of being arrested on a warrant.
1.6 - Offender Re-Offense Rate	7% or Less	4.8%		DOC	For this reporting period, the re-offense rate for offenders on community supervision dropped to 4.8% compared to 6.9% for the previous reporting period. This is unusually low compared to prior experience.
1.7 - Recidivism	TBD	27.9%		DOC	WSIPP and DOC methodologies indicate that the recidivism rate decreased in each of the last three years measured. Property offenses are the non-violent offenses with the highest rates. Assault is the highest recidivism among violent offense types.
2. Emergency Readiness			The state of the s		
Measure	Target	Actual	Status	Agency	Notes
2.1 - Next Generation 911 3. Worker Safety	100% by 2017	20%	•	MIL .	Migration to digital ESInet (Phases 1&2 of NG911 plan) was complete as of February 17, 2011. Work has begun on the remaining phases of the plan to upgrade the E911 infrastructure to be fully Next Generation 911 capable by June, 2017.
Measure		- 1-1-20 - 1-20 - 1-2			
	larget	Actual	Status	Agency	Notes
3.1 - Workplace Fatalities	2.0 per 100,000 Workers by 2015	Actual 2.8 per 100,000 Workers	Status	Agency LNI	Notes Washington's workplace fatality rates remain below the national average and continue to decline. The national target set by the CDC for 2010 is 3.2. Washington is in the lowest third of states nationally.
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Return on Investment: Evidence-Based Options to Improve Statewide Outcomes

—July 2011 Update—

The Washington State Legislature directed the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (Institute) to "calculate the return on investment to taxpayers from evidence-based prevention and intervention programs and policies."

In this update, we identify public policies that have been shown to improve the following outcomes:

- ✓ Child maltreatment
- ✓ Mental health
- ✓ Crime
- ✓ Public assistance
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Public health
- ✓ Labor earnings
- ✓ Substance abuse

This report presents our findings as of July 2011. Prior to the 2012 Washington legislative session, we will update and extend these results. The Legislature authorized the Institute to receive outside funding for this project; the MacArthur Foundation supported 80 percent of the work and the Legislature funded the other 20 percent.

The "big picture" purpose of this research is to help policy makers in Washington identify evidence-based strategies that can deliver better outcomes per dollar of taxpayer spending. In a time of fiscal constraint, this goal seems especially important.

This short report summarizes our current findings. Readers can download detailed results in two accompanying technical appendices.²

Background

In the mid-1990s, the legislature began to direct the Institute to undertake comprehensive reviews of "evidence-based" policy strategies. The initial efforts were in juvenile and adult criminal justice. We identified several juvenile justice and adult corrections' programs—not then operating in Washington—that had the potential to reduce crime and save Washington taxpayers money.³

Summary

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy was created by the 1983 Washington Legislature to carry out non-partisan research assignments.

The 2009 Legislature directed the Institute to "calculate the return on investment to taxpayers from evidence-based prevention and intervention programs and policies." The Legislature instructed the Institute to produce "a comprehensive list of programs and policies that improve... outcomes for children and adults in Washington and result in more cost-efficient use of public resources."

The current project continues a long-term effort in Washington to identify evidence-based ways to deliver better outcomes per taxpayer dollar. This short report summarizes our findings as of July 2011. Readers can download detailed results in two technical appendices.

In subsequent sessions, the legislature used the information to begin a series of policy reforms.⁴ Many "real world" lessons were learned about implementing these programs statewide.⁵

Today, the results of these crime-focused efforts appear to be paying off. Relative to national rates, juvenile crime has dropped in Washington, adult criminal recidivism has declined, total crime is down, and taxpayer criminal justice costs are lower than alternative strategies would have required.⁶

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Barnoski, R. (2009). Providing evidence-based programs with fidelity in Washington State juvenile courts. Cost analysis (Document No. 09-12-1201), Olympia: Washington State Institute for Public Policy, http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/video_tvw21JAN2011.asp

In the early 2000s, the legislature began to direct the Institute to apply the same benefit-cost approach to other public policy areas, including K–12 education, early childhood education, child welfare, adult mental health, and substance abuse. This current project updates, refines, and extends these previous assignments.

Our ongoing goal is to provide policy makers with better "bottom-line" estimates each successive legislative session.

General Research Approach

Over the last decade, as we have carried out these assignments, we have been improving a four-step research approach.

- We systematically assess evidence on "what works" (and what does not) to improve outcomes.
- 2) We calculate costs and benefits for Washington State and produce a *Consumer Reports*-like ranking of public policy options.
- 3) We measure the riskiness of our conclusions by testing how bottom lines vary when estimates and assumptions change.
- 4) Where feasible, we provide a "portfolio" analysis of how a combination of policy options could affect statewide outcomes of interest.

For this project, we have also developed a software application to help legislative and executive staff use the information, and to respond to requests from other states.

Officer benefit-cost studies prepared by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy for the legislature include:

Step 1: What Works? In the first research step, we estimate the capability of various policies and programs to improve outcomes. We carefully analyze all high-quality studies from the United States and elsewhere to identify well-researched interventions that have achieved outcomes (as well as those that have not). We look for research studies with strong, credible evaluation designs, and we ignore studies with weak research methods. Our empirical approach follows a meta-analytic framework to assess systematically all relevant evaluations we can locate on a given topic.

Step 2: What Makes Economic Sense? Next, we insert benefits and costs into the analysis by answering two questions.

- ✓ How much does it cost to produce the results found in Step 1?
- ✓ How much is it worth to people in Washington State to achieve the outcome? That is, in dollar and cents terms, what are the program's benefits?

To answer these questions, we developed—and continue to refine—an economic model that assesses benefits and costs. The goal is to provide an internally consistent valuation so that one option can be compared fairly to another. Our bottom line benefit-cost measures include standard financial statistics: net present values, benefit-cost ratios, and rates of return on investment.

We present these monetary estimates from three distinct perspectives: the benefits that accrue solely to program participants, those received by taxpayers, and any other measurable (non-participant and non-taxpayer) monetary benefits.

The sum of these three perspectives provides a "total Washington" view on whether a program produces benefits that exceed costs. Restricting the focus solely to the taxpayer perspective can also be useful for fiscal analysis and state budget preparation.

Step 3: Assessing Risk. The third analytical step involves testing the robustness of our results. Any tabulation of benefits and costs necessarily involves uncertainty and some degree of speculation about future performance. This is expected in any investment analysis, whether it is in the private or public sector. Therefore, it is important to understand how conclusions might change when assumptions are altered. To assess risk, we perform a "Monte Carlo simulation" in which we vary the key factors in our calculations. The purpose of the risk analysis is

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 Benefits and costs of prevention and early intervention programs for youth (Documer) No. 04-07-3901).

to determine the odds that a particular approach will at least break-even. This type of risk and uncertainty analysis is used by many businesses in investment decision making; we employ the same tools to test the riskiness of the public sector options considered in this report.

Step 4: Impacts on Statewide Outcomes. In the final analytic step, we estimate the degree to which a "portfolio" of programs and policies is likely to affect statewide outcomes. We initiated portfolio analysis in 2006, estimating how a combination of prevention, juvenile justice, and adult corrections' programs could influence Washington's crime rate, the need to build prisons, and overall state and local criminal justice spending. The legislature used this information in subsequent sessions to craft budget and policy decisions. In the near future, we anticipate expanding portfolio analysis to other outcomes such as high school graduation.

July 2011 Results

In this report, we summarize results from Steps 1, 2, and 3 of our research. We prepare a *Consumer Reports*-like list of what works and what does not, ranked by benefit-cost statistics and a measure of investment risk.

Bottom Line. We identify a number of evidence-based options that can help policy makers achieve desired outcomes as well as offer taxpayers a good return on their investment, with low risk of failure. Washington is already investing in several of these options. We also find other evidence-based options that do not produce favorable results.

Summary Table. In Exhibit 1, we have arranged the information by major topic area. Some programs listed, of course, achieve outcomes that cut across these topic areas. For each program, all the specific outcomes measured in the studies are described in the first technical appendix.

For some programs, we found insufficient information to allow a calculation of benefits and costs. We list these programs in each topic area, along with the reason for their exclusion.

Example. To illustrate our findings, we summarize results for a program called Functional Family Therapy (FFT), designed for juveniles on probation. This program is listed in the juvenile justice topic area in Exhibit 1. FFT was originally tested in Utah. Washington began to implement the program in the mid-1990s. The legislature continues to fund FFT, and it is now used by many of Washington's juvenile courts.

- We reviewed all research we could find on FFT and found eight credible evaluations that investigated whether it reduces juvenile crime. The technical appendix provides specific information on the eight studies in our metaanalysis of FFT; for example, two of the eight were from Washington.
- In Exhibit 1, we show our estimate that FFT
 achieves total benefits of \$37,739 per FFT
 participant (2010 dollars). These benefits spring
 primarily from reduced juvenile crime, but also
 include labor market and health care benefits due
 to increased probability of high school graduation.
- Of the total \$37,739 in benefits, Exhibit 1 shows that we expect \$8,536 to be received by taxpayers and \$29,203 will accrue to others, primarily people who were not victimized by the avoided crimes.
- Exhibit 1 shows that the program costs \$3,190 per participant to implement in Washington.
- Exhibit 1 also displays our benefit-cost summary statistics for FFT. The net present value (benefits minus costs) is \$34,549, and the benefit to cost ratio (benefits divided by costs) is \$11.86. The internal rate of return on investment is an astounding 641 percent. Finally, when we performed a risk analysis of our estimated bottom line for FFT, we found that the program has a 99 percent chance of producing benefits that exceed costs.
- Thus, one would conclude that FFT is an attractive evidence-based program that reduces crime and achieves a favorable return on investment, with a small chance of an undesirable outcome. These are the central reasons why FFT continues to be part of Washington's crime-reduction portfolio.

As noted, in addition to the summary information displayed in Exhibit 1, we have prepared two technical appendices. The first appendix presents detailed results for each program summarized in Exhibit 1, while the second appendix provides a comprehensive description of the research methods used to compute the estimates.

^a Aos et al., 2006. Document No. 06-10-1201.

⁹ Laws of 2007, ch. 522 §203. SHB 1128.

Exhibit 1

Monetary Benefits and Costs of Evidence-Based Public Policies

Summary of policy topics assigned to the Washington State Institute for Public Policy by the Washington State Legislature

Estimates for Washington State, as of July 2011

opic Area/Program	Mone	etary Ber	<u>iefits</u>	Costs	<u>s</u>	ummary S	Statistics	
enefits and costs are life-cycle present-values per articipant, in 2010 dollars. While the programs are sted by major topic area, some programs attain benefits multiple areas. Also, some programs achieve benefits at we cannot monetize. See Technical Appendix I for rogram-specific details.	Benefits	Taxpayer	Non- Taxpayer		Benefits Minus Costs (net present value)	Benefit to Cost Ratio		Measure Risk (odds of positive n present value)
luvenile Justice								
Aggression Replacement Training (Inst. ²)	\$66,954	\$13,669	\$53,285	(\$1,473)	\$65,481	\$45.50	n/e	93%
Functional Family Therapy (Inst.)	\$60,539	\$13,719	\$46,820	(\$3,198)	\$57,341			99%
Aggression Replacement Training (Probation)	\$36,043	\$8,144	\$27,898	(\$1,476)	\$34,566			93%
Functional Family Therapy (Probation)	\$37,739	\$8,536	\$29,203	(\$3,190)	\$34,549			99%
Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care	\$40,787	\$8,343	\$32,443	(\$7,739)	\$33,047			85%
Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	\$29,302	\$6,521	\$22,782	(\$7,206)	\$22,096			91%
Family Integrated Transitions (Inst.)	\$27,020	\$5,448	\$21,572	(\$10,968)	\$16,052		17%	86%
Drug Court	\$12,737	\$2,859	\$9,878	(\$3,024)	\$9,713		38%	80%
Coordination of Services	\$5,270	\$1,340	\$3,930	(\$386)	\$4,884	\$13.63	444%	78%
Victim Offender Mediation	\$3,922	\$977	\$2,946	(\$566)	\$3,357	\$6.94	89%	90%
Scared Straight	(\$6,031)	(\$1,591)	(\$4,440)	(\$63)	(\$6,095)		n/e	1%
Team Child Teen Court Wilderness Challenge Programs	;	See previou	s WSIPP publi s WSIPP publi s WSIPP publi	cations for pas	t findings.			
Adult Criminal Justice								
Dangerously Mentally III Offenders	\$103,596	-	\$79,205	(\$31,626)	\$71,969		3 19%	100%
Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative: drug offenders	\$28,013			(\$1,511)				99%
Correctional Education in Prison	\$19,923			(\$1,102)	\$18,821			100%
Electronic Monitoring	\$17,068			\$1,044				100%
Vocational Education in Prison	\$19,083	\$4,634	•	(\$1,537)				100%
Drug Treatment in the Community	\$15,419		•	(\$2,102)				100%
Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative: prop. offenders				(\$1,513)				76%
Mental Health Court	\$14,230	\$3,424		(\$2,878)				100%
CBT (in prison)	\$10,741	\$2,588		(\$217)				99%
Drug Treatment in Prison Intensive Supervision: with treatment	\$14,351	\$3,467		(\$3,894)	\$10,456 \$9,809			100%
Drug Court	\$17,521 \$11,750	\$4,216 \$2,644		(\$7,712) (\$4,099)	\$7,651			96% 100%
CBT (in the community)				(\$4,033)	\$7,522			
Work Release	\$7,739 \$6,466			(\$649)	\$5,817			99% 97%
Correctional Industries in Prison	\$6,398			(\$1,387)	\$5,017 \$5,011			100%
Community Employment Training/Job Assistance	\$4,641	\$1,340		(\$1,387)	\$4,509			100%
Intensive Supervision: surveillance only	(\$556)			(\$4,050)				100%
Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment Programs	(\$3,724)			(\$1,335)	(\$5,059)			20%
Adult criminal justice programs for which we have not Sex Offender Treatment Sex Offender Community Notification and Registration Adult Boot Camp Drug Treatment in Jail Jail Diversion for Mentally III Offenders Life Skills Education	1 ::	Review in p Review in p See previou See previou See previou	rocess.	cations for pas cations for pas cations for pas	t findings. It findings.			
Life Skills Education Restorative Justice for Lower-Risk Offenders			is WSIPP publi is WSIPP publi					

310 - Department of Corrections

A001 Confine Convicted Adults in State Prisons

The Department of Corrections is responsible for the incarceration of felony offenders. This population includes offenders sentenced to confinement for violent, sex, person, drug, and property crimes. The majority of resources are allocated for custody activities such as the transportation of offenders, operation and security of offender housing units, perimeter and access control, and security threat group monitoring and investigation. Other items purchased through this activity include food service, laundry, clothing, and janitorial services; the administration of offender records; and routine maintenance and repairs to state-owned facilities and infrastructure.

Program 100 - Administration and Support Services

Account	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennial Total
FTE	405.0	405.3	405.2
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$31,271,000	\$30,706,000	\$61,977,000

Program 200 - Correctional Operations

FTE 001 General Fund	5,584.6	5,544.4	Biennial Total 5,564.5
001 General Fund			
001-1 State \$	488,584,000	\$453,491,000	\$942,075,000
001-2 Federal	\$1,717,000	\$1,681,000	\$3,398,000
001 Account Total \$	490,301,000	\$455,172,000	\$945,473,000

Program 300 - Community Supervision

Account	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennial Total
FTE	20.4	20.4	20.4
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$1,719,000	\$1,720,000	\$3,439,000

Program 400 - Correctional Industries

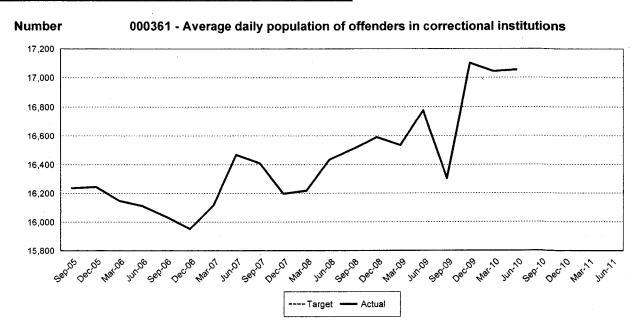
Account	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennial Total
FTE	7.0	7.0	7.0
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$3,598,000	\$3,589,000	\$7,187,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property Statewide Strategy: Confine and rehabilitate adult offenders

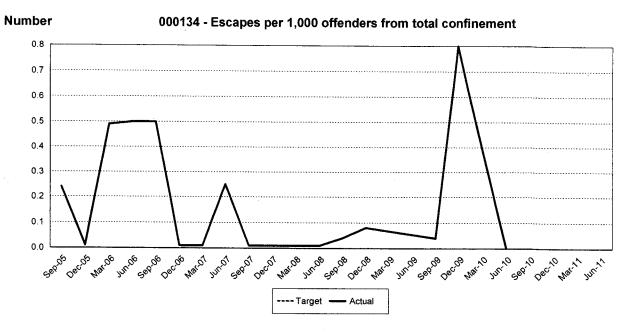
Expected Results

The resources dedicated to this activity allow the department to purchase goods and services and employ skilled staff, which ultimately ensure the safe and secure operation of 13 institutions and 15 work release facilities across the state.

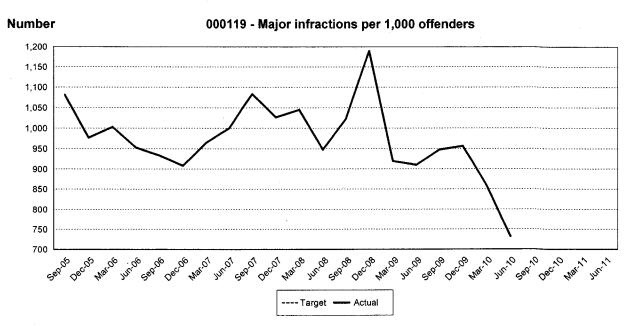
000361 Average daily population of offenders in correctional institutions.					
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target		
2009-11	Q8				
	Q7				
	Q6				
	Q5				
	Q4	17,054			
	Q3	17,044			
	Q2	17,101			
	Q1	16,303			
2007-09	Q8	16,777			
	Q7	16,535			
	Q6	16,590			
	Q5	16,509			
	Q4	16,435			
	Q3	16,218			
	Q2	16,197			
	Q1	16,409			



000134 Esca	pes per 1,00	0 offenders from tota	l confinement
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2009-11	Q8	*	
	Q7		
	Q6		
	Q5		
	Q4	0	
	Q3	0.4	
	Q2	0.8	
	Q1	0.04	
2007-09	Q8	可以是连接处于	
	Q7		
	-Q6	0.08	
	Q5	0.04	
	Q4	0.01	
	Q3	0.01	
	Q2	0.01	
	Q1	0.01	



0001	19 Major inf	ractions per 1,000 off	enders
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2009-11	Q8		
	Q7.		
	Q6	•	
	Q5		
	Q4	732	
	Q3	859.2	
	Q2	956.8	
	Q1	947.6	-
2007-09	Q8	910	
	Q7	919.2	
	Q6	1,189.6	
	Q5	1,022.4	
	Q4	947.6	
	Q3	1,045.2	
	Q2	1,026.4	
	Q1	1,082.8	



ATTACHMENT F

Transforming Washington's Budget Essential Services Responses

Dept of Social and Health Services

Community Services for Locally Committed Juveniles

Activity Description:

The Community Juvenile Accountability Act (CJAA) funds programs on a statewide basis that are demonstrated by research to reduce recidivism of juvenile offenders. CJAA programs target youth on county probation who are at moderate to high risk for reoffending. All of the 34 juvenile court jurisdictions representing 39 counties have implemented CJAA interventions. Pre-commitment at-risk services include diversion, probation supervision, individual and family counseling, drug/alcohol assessment and treatment, alternative education, vocational training, and psychiatric and psychological services. There are at-risk youth programs in all of the 34 juvenile court jurisdictions representing 39 counties. The Chemical Dependency Disposition Alternative (CDDA) provides courts with a sentencing option for chemically dependent youth, allowing judges to order youth into supervised treatment. Both locally sanctioned youth and certain youth who would otherwise be committed to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) are eligible for CDDA. Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative (SSODA), for certain first-time sex-offenders, allows the court to suspend the sentence of an adjudicated offender and instead order at least 24 months of community supervision, and require the youth to receive treatment in the community from a certified sex offender treatment provider.

Question #1 This activity is an essential Service, because it is:

Required by constitutional mandate - Y

Critical for preventing loss of life, addressing imminent issues of personal or public safety, or avoiding immediate and catastrophic loss of state property? - N

Critically necessary for the implementation of essential activities - N

In addition, does the activity have any of the following attributes?

Required by state law (RCW) - Y

Governed by an existing contract (may include collective bargaining) - N

Matched with federal funds - Y

Produces General Fund or other state revenues - N

Supported by Fees - N

Question #2 Does state government have to perform the activity? - Y

Yes, statute requires JRA oversight. RCW 13.06 and WAC 388-710.

Question #3 Can the activity be eliminated or delayed in recessionary times? - N

No, public safety will be compromised if Evidence Based Programs are not delivered and State costs will be increased if youth that are currently served in local communities are sent to State Institutions..

Question #4 Does the activity need to be paid for with state general funds (v. user fee) - Y

Yes, though a form of user fee (parent pay) could be an option but Juvenile Justice involved youth and families may have limited ability to pay..

Question #5 Are there federal funds or other fund sources available? - N

No, though Medicaid funding is currently being explored as a possibility for evidence based services to the youth...

Question #6 Are there more cost-effective, efficient ways for the state to perform? - N

No, the JRA has recently completed a restructure of how these funds are distributed and how oversight is provided and implemented efficiencies where possible..

Question #7 Can the activity be the subject of a performance contract? - Y

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Yes, JRA is currently developing performance based contracts as they relate to this program area..

Question #8 Can the activity be the subject of a performance incentive? - Y

Yes, that could be a possibility and would need to be developed..

